

NECESSARY TO ACT

There Seemed No Other Cause
for the Administration.

WERE MANY DIVERSE OPINIONS

Senate Could Not Agree
on Hawaiian Policy.

Annexation Treaty Would Focus
Action—Executive Pre-
viously Friendly.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The treaty of annexation between the Republic of Hawaii, and the United States was signed at 2:30 a. m., June 16, in the State Department, by John Sherman on the part of the United States, and F. M. Hatch, L. A. Thurston and W. A. Kinney, on behalf of the Republic of Hawaii.

The negotiation and signing of the treaty was the result of the change of mind by the administration, due to the attitude of many Republican Senators regarding the reciprocity treaty. It was well understood that the administration would not present any treaty of annexation until the tariff bill was completed.

As I have previously informed you, the action of the Senate committee on Finance, in striking out the clause in the House bill, protecting reciprocity, was not for the purpose of killing the treaty, but to place the matter before the Senate in such a manner, that the subject could be debated and a clause be inserted modifying the benefits to be derived by Hawaii from the present treaty, and of preventing Hawaii from getting the advantage of the increased rate of duties in the pending bill. It was the opinion of some members of the Finance committee that in this way only, could the question of benefits be open for discussion.

It was apparent, from the moment the subject came up for discussion, that the national and logical way of disposing of the matter was to settle at once the question of annexation. If this took place, no clause protecting the treaty was needed. But the administration had decided not to bring any new matter before Congress until the tariff bill was passed, or out of the way.

When the sugar schedule was reached, and the Republican leaders held a caucus over it, much difference of opinion was developed as to the best way of disposing of the Hawaiian matter. Some desired a provision reducing the advantages to Hawaii. Others wished a notice of abrogation to be inserted. Others wished that the President be instructed to negotiate a new treaty, and if it was not done, then the reciprocity treaty should terminate. In several caucuses, these differences of opinion greatly developed.

At the same time these seemed to be a strong desire to proceed with annexation in due course of time. In this condition of things, the Executive can take no leading part. But by the negotiation of an annexation treaty it could make a positive move, and as an administration movement, call all of the Republicans to its support, and if an annexation treaty was ratified the Hawaiian claim would be eliminated from the tariff bill.

The annexation treaty was at once negotiated, and the papers were prepared to be submitted to the President on his return from his Southern trip. On his return, on the 15th, he considered the subject, approved of the treaty, and it was signed on the morning of the 16th.

If the move towards immediate annexation should have the effect of the enemies of reciprocity and annexation may consider themselves humbled but effective workers in securing that result. By creating or fomenting differences of opinion among Senators, need of action by the United States they have forced the Administration to act at once.

The Japanese trouble in Hawaii has the attention of the Administration, and it has emphasized the need active policy, by the United States. At the same time the Administration has no jingo policy. It knows better than the average politician that the conservative element in this country wishes no foreign complications. The war spirit does not help trade. It keeps men away from ventures and new arrangements. If it were generally believed that Japan and Hawaii had serious differences, it might influence the judgment of conservative Senators, who believe that we have enough trouble on hand. This can be clearly seen in the Cuban affair. While Congress seems to be very belligerent, and has much reason to feel so, and is restless because of the Spanish cruelties, it does not intend to disturb American finances. A war with Spain would involve the issue of many millions of bonds, and the question would be at once raised, how shall they be paid, in gold or silver?

It is said that several of the Democratic silver men are disposed to vote for annexation, in order to show their contempt for Mr. Cleveland. It is a method of "kicking" the man who has,

they believe, ruined the Democratic party. However, politicians as a rule are very forgiving. They are men of the world, and cannot afford to spend their time revenging their grievances. Regarding the value of prophecy, it is noted that in an interview in the Washington Post, Capt. Julius Palmer declared that President McKinley would not sign any annexation treaty with Hawaii. At the moment he made this solemn declaration, the treaty had been engrossed, and would have been signed, if all of the parties had been present.

The signing of the new treaty is received with great favor by the friendly press. Even the Washington Post that has strongly opposed annexation has a rousing article favoring annexation.

The most impartial observer notices that bitter feeling towards annexation is confined to only one or two Senators. The old school Democrats say they must have time to think over the matter. These may, in the end, say, "we are in some doubt, but if the Senate is willing to take the chances, we will not oppose." The friendly press seems to believe that the subject will go over until next winter, but that the feeling for passing the treaty will increase in the mean time.

At the present writing, no decisive action has been taken by Senators friendly to the treaty. If the Administration believes that the Senate will act promptly, it will push it. Otherwise it will let it go over. But the opinion is growing that nothing will be done during the present session. It may be said that the Cabinet was not entirely clear on the question of negotiating the treaty at the present time, or of delaying the subject until winter. It has, however, been done, and all that remains now is, to see that it is carefully considered by the men who must pass upon it.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Kamehameha Girls School Last Night.

The first commencement of the Kamehameha Girls' School took place in Kaunakapili Church last night before an audience of something like 2,000 people, the largest number ever gathered together in the native place of worship. This very generous attendance showed the interest that the people of Honolulu have in the work that is being done by Miss Pope and her corps of worthy assistants.

On the specially constructed stage, and about it were placed a large number of palms, and above, on the organ front, were the words of the K. G. S. motto: "Wake the Divine Within." With the figures '97 beneath, all embroidered in red on white.

When the audience had all been seated, the graduates filed in and took their places on the stage. With them were Miss Pope, the principal; Rev. C. M. Hyde, who distributed the diplomas, and Rev. Timoteo, pastor of Kaunakapili.

If any special mention is to be made of the numbers on the program, "The Teacher and Trainer of Hawaii's Little Ones," "The Servant of the Soul," "A Bit of Clay," "A Plea for Children," and "A Practical Art" would come in for very high standing. In all of the speaking and reading done by the girls, the clear enunciation, notwithstanding the large crowd present and the noise of certain hoodlums in the rear, was a matter of frequent and favorable remark. The girls did remarkably well. In the singing, they were above reproach, and showed to good advantage the careful and painstaking training of Miss Clymer. In the language of one present, "The music was a revelation."

Miss Pope's work with the girls cannot be too highly praised, and she and her assistants may feel justly proud that they have sent forth into the world Hawaiian girls who are eminently capable to take their places as trainers of the young Hawaiians.

Following is the program in detail: Motto: "Wake the Divine Within." Chorus—In Heavenly Love Abiding.

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Invocation—Rev. C. M. Hyde, D. D.

The Teacher and Trainer of Hawaii's Little Ones—Lewia Iokila.

Poem—The Greatest Discovery—Anonymous.

Hattie Kekalohe.

My Life at Kamehameha—Aoe Wong Kong.

The Servant of the Soul—Elizabeth Kahanu.

Wake the Divine Within—Elizabeth Waiamau.

A Bit of Clay—Kalei Ewaliko.

Chorus—Sweet May—Barney Class.

A Plea for the Children—Mallie Kapali.

Domestic Sciences—Jessie Mahoahoa.

The Use of Music—Lydia Aholo.

A Practical Art—Julia Lovell.

Poem—At School Close—Whittier.

Elizabeth Kellinui.

Presentation of Certificates.

Chorus—Cradle Song—Mendelssohn.

Kamehameha School for Girls.

Kamehameha Girls' School Call.

Benediction—Rev. E. S. Timoteo.

The graduates were: Lydia Aholo, Julia Akana, Kalei Ewaliko, Miriam Hale, Lewia Iokila, Helen Kahalehu, Elizabeth Kahanu, Moe Kapali, Hattie Kekalohe, Elizabeth Kellinui, Ke-lina Kiwaha, Julia Lovell, Jessie Mahoahoa, Elizabeth Waiamau and Aoe Wong Kong.

Morning Star.

The Missionary packet Morning Star was to have left San Francisco on June 28th, and will probably arrive here on or about July 12th. The Star will remain here long enough to take on what freight there is here for her. This will take about a week, at the end of which time she will sail on her regular annual trip to Micronesia.

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